



*To facilitate the integration of the student into the regular school program at the earliest possible opportunity, Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 supports the provision of English as a Second Language (ESL) programs to students who were born in Canada but who are not fluent in English, and to those who have recently arrived in Canada and whose first language is not English.*

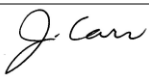
**Definitions:**

An **ESL program** is an instructional program designed to assist students to develop a

- proficiency in the English language commensurate with their age and/or abilities; and
- cultural awareness of and a willingness to participate in Canadian culture.

**Students who may require an ESL program** are those in whose homes the primary spoken language is not English, are non-English speaking, and are unable to function successfully in an English-speaking school or society.

**Resource:** *English as a Second Language Elementary Guide to Implementation*

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